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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

v.

ASPEN SPECIALTY INSURANCE
COMPANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:20-cv-01374-APG-DJA

ORDER

12 Before the Court is the parties' stipulation and order to extend discovery and for the
13 defendant to serve supplemental responses to plaintiff's first set of requests for production. (ECF
14 No. 23). The parties apparently request a stay of discovery—indicated by both the language of the
15 motion and the mismatched document titles, one of which reads "Stipulation to Stay Discovery"—
16 but have instead filed a stipulation to *extend* discovery. The parties, however, have failed to comply
17 with the Local Rules for filing a motion to extend discovery deadlines. They provide no statement
18 specifying the discovery completed, no specific description of remaining discovery, and no reasons
19 why the deadlines cannot be met as required under Local Rule 26-3. Rather, the parties assert only
20 that "they were considering staying discovery until after the Motion [to Dismiss] was decided."

21 As the parties cited in their motion, the Court has previously reminded the parties that they
22 "are not permitted to informally stay discovery [and must] seek Court approval by filing a motion
23 with appropriate points and authorities to the extent a stay of discovery is requested." (ECF No.
24 22). Regardless of how they title it or whether they agree, the parties are disregarding this Court's
25 prior order through the instant motion. And they have done so poorly by failing to style the motion
26 as one for an extension under Local Rule 26-3. Because the parties are attempting to informally
27 stay discovery against the Court's prior order (ECF No. 22) and because they have failed to comply
28 with Local Rule 26-3, the Court denies their stipulation to extend discovery deadlines.


1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the parties' stipulation and order to extend discovery
2 is **denied without prejudice**.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties' stipulation and order for defendant to serve
4 supplemental responses to plaintiff's first set of requests for production of documents is denied as
5 moot.

6 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any subsequent motion or stipulation to extend discovery
7 deadlines must comply with Local Rule 26-3 and provide a statement of the discovery completed,
8 a specific description of the remaining discovery, the reasons why discovery cannot be completed
9 by the deadlines, and a proposed schedule for completing all remaining discovery.

10 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties must seek Court approval by filing a motion
11 with appropriate points and authorities should they seek a stay of discovery. The parties are again
12 reminded that they are not permitted to informally stay discovery.

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14 DATED: June 15, 2021



DANIEL J. ALBREGTS
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE